

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 411-416, 422-423, and 896-978 have subjected to a restriction and/or election requirement. Claims 921-978 have been cancelled. Claims 411-416, 422-423, and 889-920 are pending in the application.

B. Election/Restriction

The Office Action included a restriction and/or election requirement for claims 411-416, 422-423, and 896-978 under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Applicant hereby elects Species I: an embodiment regarding assessing transmural of the heart without traverse. Applicant submits that claims 411-416, 422-423, and 889-920 read upon Species I. Claims 921-978 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file additional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

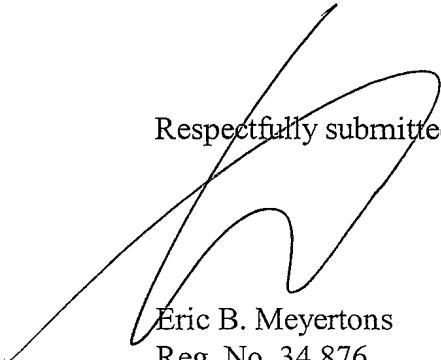
C. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests a five-month extension of time. A fee authorization form has been submitted to cover fees associated with a five-month extension of time. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any further fees are required, or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge, or credit, those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5838-06701/EBM.

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